



DGS EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK: SEAN STINNETT

For our DGS Employee of the Week, helping people gain access to opportunity is at the core of both his personal and professional lives. Sean Stinnett works in the Office of Business Programs and assists in maximizing small and minority-owned business participation in State contracts. He also volunteers a great deal of his time, serving in leadership positions in several community groups focused on creating greater opportunity for the youth of Baltimore. For his commitment to *Doing Great Service*, Sean Stinnett is our DGS Employee of the Week.



Sean reads to The Mount Washington School students for DGS during Reading Across Maryland Month.

Sean joined the DGS team back in 2011 as a special assistant to the Secretary writing speeches, Employee of the Week articles, the DGS annual report and creating a social media presence for DGS. He later managed GovDeals.com as well as the print shop and mailroom. Sean was also a member of the fuel management team that rolled out the new program Statewide in 2012.

In his current position, Sean is responsible for reviewing the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) goals requested by project managers, and for setting final goals for all formal procurements. For procurements in excess of \$200,000 or other statutory amounts, he leads the Procurement Review Group (PRG) in setting goals. Sean also completes and submits all MBE compliance reports into the State's financial management system. He attends pre-bid conferences to deliver MBE statements and provides direction to prime vendors and MBE subcontractors relating to Maryland law; and establishes MBE sub-contractor payment verification system and field compliance audits. Sean also attends outreach events representing DGS and promoting programs such as eMaryland Marketplace, Small Business Reserve and Veterans programs.

Sean says the opportunity to work in a variety of divisions at DGS has enabled him to see the big picture and has increased his knowledge of the department's mission and goals. He enjoys working with the DGS team and says his experience is helping shape his own goals.

Office of Business Programs Director Jorge Austrich says, "Sean is a hard worker who is dedicated to his work and *Doing Great Service* for DGS. He's a team player who takes great pride in what he does.

Outreach is definitely one of Sean's passions. He truly enjoys talking to members of the business community and listening to what they say so we can better serve their needs."

As a former Boy Scout, Sean continues to support the organization by serving as the Hopkins District Chair, overseeing all troops and scout leaders in East Baltimore. He is also chair of the Board of Directors at the Maryland Academy of Technology and Health Sciences Charter School (MATHS) in West Baltimore. He's booked the U.S. Surgeon General, Boris Lushniak, to speak at MATHS later this month. Sean is also a board member for the School Family Council at The Mount Washington School. He is vice chair of Xpressive 4ever Dance, a non-profit which provides children in Baltimore with access to the arts to help boost confidence and give them an outlet to express themselves.

Sean is a graduate of the Baltimore School for the Arts, where he serves on the Alumni Council. Sean credits his high school experience with building a solid foundation for life and still considers his teachers and fellow students family. That family includes actress Jada Pinkett Smith, the late rapper Tupak Shakur, actor Josh Charles from CBS' *The Good Wife*, trumpet player Dontae Winslow who's currently touring with Justin Timberlake, and actor Larry Gilliard, Jr. from HBO's *The Wire* and AMC's *The Walking Dead*.

Sean says he was a little nervous during his audition for the school. He played the trumpet while accidentally reading off sheets of baritone music – the other instrument he plays. Fortunately one of the judges pointed out the mistake and he made the cut.

Sean and his wife have passed along their appreciation of the arts and community to their two daughters. Both of them are dancers and hope to audition for the Baltimore School for the Arts in the future.

DGS congratulates Sean Stinnett and thanks him for *Doing Great Service*!